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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT NO. 132

- BEGIN SUMMARY: INDIAN PRINT MEDIA OVER THE WEEKEND AND JULY 21 CONTINUED TO ASSESS PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER JUNEJO'S VISIT TO THE U.S., WITH THE FOCUS ON (1) AMERICAN ACCEPTANCE OF THE LEGITIMACY OF PAKISTAN DEMOCRACY, AND (2) ISLAMABAD'S NUCLEAR CAPABILITY. "THE TIMES OF INDIA" EDITORIAL, "SUPER CONFUSION," COMMENTED ON THE U.S. SUPPLY OF A SUPERCOMPUTER TO INDIA, NOTING THAT INDIA'S SIGNING OF THE GENERAL SECURITY AND MILITARY INFORMATION AGREEMENT WILL POLITICALLY EMPASS NEW DELHI BECAUSE IT WOULD INVOLVE ON-THE-SITE INSPECTION OF AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY IN USE. "THE TIMES" ALSO PUBLISHED WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT J.N. PARIMOO'S REPORT ON THE SENATE APPROVAL OF AN EXTRADITION TREATY WITH BRITAIN, SUGGESTING IT SHOULD NOW BE EASIER FOR THE UNCLASSIFIED

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REAGAN ADMINISTRATION TO SIGN A SIMILAR TREATY WITH INDIA. HE ALSO SAID THAT U.S.-INDIA NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SUBJECT HAVE VIRTUALLY REACHED A DEAD-END. END SUMMARY.

#### JUNEJO'S U.S. VISIT

- THE "INDIAN EXPRESS" CARRIED WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT SHAFNAZ AIYAR'S VIEW THAT BOTH PAKISTAN AND THE U.S. HAVE ACHIEVED WHAT THEY WANTED FROM THE VISIT OF PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER JUNEJO TO WASHINGTON. - AIYAR, TO SUPPORT HER VIEWPOINT, NOTED THAT THE U.S. HAS ACCEPTED AS DEMOCRATIC THE ELECTIONS THAT BROUGHT JUNEJO TO POWER - ALTHOUGH THEY GAVE EVEN LESS SCOPE TO OPPOSITION PARTIES TO PARTICIPATE THAN THE NICARAGUAN ELECTIONS WHICH THE U.S. DENOUNCED AS A

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- JUNJO ALSO LEFT BEHIND HIM, THE CORRESPONDENT ADDED, "AN AUDIENCE MORE THAN USUALLY SYMPATHETIC TO HIS STATEMENTS, THAT PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM WILL ONLY PROVIDE ELECTRICITY TO THE RURAL POOR. HE MUST FEEL QUITE CONFIDENT THAT A MERE RUBBER STAMP IN THE FORM OF CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL IS REQUIRED BEFORE THE DOLS. 4.2 BILLION STARTS FLOWING FROM THE U.S. INTO PAKISTAN NEXT YEAR."

- "NEITHER PRESIDENT REAGAN NOR SECSTATE SHULTZ," AIYAR CONCLUDED, MADE ANY PUBLIC REFERENCE TO THE PAKISTAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY ISSUE. "THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY BOTH COUNTRIES ON THE VISIT MERELY STATES THAT THE PRESIDENT UNDERSCORED HIS PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO ARMS CONTROL AND TO THE PREVENTION OF THE

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SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.' THE PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF HIS EFFORTS."

- --THE "TRIPUNE" OF CHANDIGARH CARRIED D.P. AHUJA'S NEW DELHI VIEW THAT PAKISTAN "HAS IGNORED THE 'MILD' THREATS FROM THE U.S.A. THAT THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION

WILL STOP GIVING AID TO THE COUNTRY IF IT GOES AHEAD WITH ITS PLANS TO MAKE THE BOMB."

- --FROM ISLAMAPAD, V.T. JOSEI REPORTED IN "THE TIMES OF INDIA" THAT "THE MOST TANGIBLE OUTCOME OF JUNJO'S VISIT IS THE VIRTUAL REVIVAL OF THE LONG FORGOTTEN 1959 MUTUAL SECURITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND PAKISTAN, WHICH CAN BE 'INVOKED' BY EITHER PARTY IN CASE OF AGGRESSION."

--EDITORIALLY, "THE HINDUSTAN TIMES" DECLARED: "IT DOES NOT MATTER WHETHER PAKISTAN DOES HAVE A NUCLEAR BOMB, OR IS VERY CLOSE TO POSSESSING ONE; ITS NUCLEAR STATUS WILL AFFECT ABSOLUTELY IN NO WAY ITS RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. IF NECESSARY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS CAPABLE OF WORKING OUT A FINER AGREEMENT THAN THE SYMINGTON AMENDMENT."

- WHAT INDIA SHOULD HOPE FOR, IT CONCLUDED, "IS THE ASCENDANCY OF DEMOCRACY IN PAKISTAN; ONLY A REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT CAN BE EXPECTED TO SEE THE DANGERS INHERENT IN A NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM."

- --HINDI-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS EDITORIALY COMMENTED THAT INDIA "IS FAST LOSING FAITH IN THE THEORY THAT U.S.

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ARMS SUPPLY TO PAKISTAN IS A DETERRENT TO PAKISTAN GOING  
NUCLEAR ("HINDUSTAN") AND ALSO ALLEGED THAT THE U.S.

"IS FULLY SUPPORTING PAKISTAN AGAINST INDIA AND  
PREPARING IT FOR FUTURE WAR" ("AMRIT PRABHAT" OF  
ALLAHABAD).

--RELATED COVERAGE INCLUDED BHAPAT KARNAD'S  
WASHINGTON DISPATCH IN "THE HINDUSTAN TIMES" UNDER A  
FOUR-COLUMN HEADLINE, "PAK DENIED LICENSE TO MAKE  
F-16." HE WROTE THAT "PAKISTAN WAS REBUFFED BY THE  
GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION WHEN IT SOUGHT A LICENSE TO  
MANUFACTURE THE F-16..." ACCORDING TO HIM, GENERAL  
DYNAMIC'S BAD EXPERIENCE WITH ITS TURKISH COLLABORATION  
HAS PROMPTED THE REBUFF.

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- U.S. SUPERCOMPUTER FOR INDIA

- "THE TIMES OF INDIA" EDITORIAL, "SUPER CONFUSION,"  
COMMENTED ON PRESS REPORTS ALLEGING THAT PRESIDENT  
REAGAN HAS APPROVED THE SALE OF A SUPERCOMPUTER TO INDIA  
(SEE MEDIA REACTION REPORT NO. 128 OF JULY 15). IT  
SAID: "ACCORDING TO INDIAN GOVERNMENT SOURCES NOT EVEN A

FORMAL REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE TO THE U.S...EVEN IF A  
REQUEST WERE MADE, IT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER SUCH A MACHINE  
WOULD BE SUPPLIED. IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT THE U.S. HAS  
LONG BEEN APPLYING 'NUCLEAR CONTROLS'...SUCH CONTROLS  
HAVE BEEN APPLIED EVEN TO THE EXPORT OF SMALLER : : :  
COMPUTERS TO INDIA LIKE THE VAX 11/780. THE SALE OF : : :  
WHICH HAS BEEN DENIED OR DELAYED TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENT  
DEPARTMENTS AND PUBLIC SECTOR UNITS. AT TIMES, HOWEVER,  
THE SAME SYSTEM HAS BEEN CLEARED FOR USE BY PRIVATE

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SECTOR COMPANIES."

- THE EDITORIAL, ON INDIA SIGNING THE GOSIMA (GENERAL SECURITY OF MILITARY INFORMATION AGREEMENT) NOTED THAT IT WOULD CAUSE "POLITICAL EMBARRASSMENT" TO INDIA AS IT WOULD INVOLVE ON-THE-SITE INSPECTION OF AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY IN USE. IT WOULD ALSO MEAN THAT THE U.S. DOES NOT ACCEPT THE INDIAN CONTENTION THAT IT ONLY WANTS TECHNOLOGY AND NOT MILITARY INFORMATION. THUS, U.S. RISK PERCEPTIONS OF SUPER-COMPUTER SALE TO INDIA WOULD HAVE TO BE BUILT INTO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER SIGNED BY THE TWO COUNTRIES LAST YEAR. THE CONTENTS OF THIS MOU AND THE MODIFICATIONS BEING PROPOSED IN IT ARE A CLOSELY GUARDED SECRET. ALL THAT IS KNOWN IS THAT BOTH COUNTRIES STILL HAVE TO AGREE TO THE CONDITIONALITY

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CLAUSES THAT ARE PROPOSED TO BE ATTACHED TO THE SUPERCOMPUTER SALE. THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MUST DISCLOSE ALL SUCH DETAILS SO THAT MISINFORMATION, INACCURATE REPORTING AND DISINFORMATION WHICH HAVE BEEN RAMPANT ON THIS ISSUE ARE ELIMINATED. THE "TIMES

CONCLUDED.

#### EXTRADITION TREATY

- "THE TIMES OF INDIA" WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT J.N. PARIMOO, COMMENTING ON THE SENATE APPROVAL OF AN EXTRADITION TREATY WITH BRITAIN, SAID THAT INDIAN OBSERVERS ASK WHY A SIMILAR U.S.-INDIAN TREATY CANNOT BE SIGNED. "THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO POLITICAL REFUGEES IN THE BRITISH TREATY COULD PERHAPS SERVE AS A MODEL FOR SIMILAR CLAUSES IN THE INDIAN TREATY."

- PARIMOO ALSO NOTED: "NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND THE U.S. ON SIGNING A NEW TREATY ON EXTRADITION HAVE VIRTUALLY REACHED A DEAD-END. THERE HAS BEEN OPPOSITION FROM THE U.S. TO THE INDIAN PROPOSAL THAT BETWEEN TWO FULLY DEVELOPED DEMOCRACIES LIKE INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES THERE CAN BE NO CLAUSE ON POLITICAL REFUGE. POLITICAL REFUGE CAN BE SOUGHT ONLY AGAINST A MILITARY OR TOTALITARIAN REGIME THAT DENIES BASIC CIVIL LIBERTIES AND REPRESSIONS A POLITICAL MOVEMENT FOR FREEDOM..."

- "POLITICAL OBSERVERS HERE BELIEVE THAT SINCE THE SENATE HAS NOW APPROVED A NEW EXTRADITION TREATY WITH BRITAIN, IT SHOULD BE EASIER FOR THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A SIMILAR TREATY WITH INDIA. LIKE BRITAIN, INDIA IS FACING A TERRORIST

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